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SUBJ: ANGOLA IN ZAIRIAN PRESS

1. FOLLOWING ITEMS ON ANGOLA IN ZAIRIAN PRESS NOV. 1 -3, 1975:

2. UNITA SPOKESMAN CHITACHUMBI ON OCTOBER 31 PROTESTED IN STRONGEST TERMS AGAINST SOVIET THREAT TO ZAIRE CONCERNING ANGOLA. TOLD OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWAGENCY (AZAP) REPORTER THAT IF SOVIETS WISHED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MPLA REVERSES, THEY SHOULD ADDRESS UNITA AND FNLA. REPEATED CHARGE THAT SOVIETS GAVE NO SUBSTANTIAL HELP TO LIBERATION MOVEMENT DURING COLONIAL STRUGGLE, BUT SUPPLY SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS FOR USE IN WAR AMONG NEGROES. REPROVED MPLA MINISTER INFORMATION IN PG FOR STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA MUST CONFORM TO MPLA IDEALS, EVEN IF THIS REQUIRES SACRIFICE OF A MILLION LIVES. SAID MPLA CONTROLS ONLY 6 URBANCENTERS. LUANDA, SALAZAR, MALANGE, HENRIQUE DE CARRALHO, UNCLASSIFIED

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OBITO AND CABINDA. CLAIMED THAT AFTER TAKING QUIBALA AND MUSENDE

UNITA TROOPS NOW MOVING ON MALANGE, JOINING FORCES WITH HOLDEN'S FORCES COMING FROM LUCALA. NOTED THAT UNITA TROOPS MOVING TOWARD HERIQUE DE CARRALHO AND TEXEIRA DE SUZA IN AREA ALMOST COMPLETELY ABANDONED BY MPLA. SOME STUBBORN RESISTANCE BEING MET, HOWEVER, FROM FOREIGN ELEMENTS OF MPLA FORCE, CHITACUMBI SAID THAT IN WEST INTESE FIGHTING TAKING PLACE 30 KMS. FROM LIBITO: THAT UNITA AND FNLA TROOPS HAVING TROUBLE PURSUING RETREATING MPLA FORCE WHICH HAD BLOWN BRIDGE OVER RIVER CATUMBELA BETWEEN BENGUELA AND LOBITO. CHITACUMBI SAID THAT UNITA STILL HOPEFUL REGARDING OAU PEACE EFFORTS, THAT FAILURE MIGHT INTERNATIONALIZE THE CIVIL WAR BY INTRODUCTION OF UN TROOPS.

3. UNITA PRESIDENT SAVIMBI ARRIVED KINSHASA NOV. 2 FOR 48 HOUR SOJOURN TO MEET WITH ZAIRIAN AND FNLA OFFICIALS. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS SAVIMBI RECALLED HE HAD EARLIER ANNOUNCED A MILITARY SURPRISE IN ANGOLA. WITH NETO TROOPS NOW ON RUN, SAID SAVIMBI, MORE SURPRISED COULD BE EXPECTED BEFORE NOVEMBER 11. SAID HE WAS CONVINCED PRESENT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT HAND OVER SOLE POWER TO MPLA, GIVEN PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION. APROPOS OF HIS MEETING WITH ZAMBIANS SAVIMBI SAID ZAMBIA OPPOSES FORCEFUL OCCUPATION OF ANGOLA BY SOVIETS. REPORT STATED SAVIMBI WAS ACCOMPANIED BY UNITA PRIME MINISTER NDELE AND MINFORAFF KAKUMBA WHO WILL REPRESENT HIM IN RECONCILIATION TALKS AT KAMPALA.

4. KINSHASA DAILY SALONGO NOVEMBER 3 PUBLISHED FNLA COMMUNIQUE CONTAINING FORMAL DENIAL OF MPLA CHARGE THAT SOUTH AFRICAN ELEMENTS ARE FIGHTING WITH HOLDEN'S FORCES IN ANGOLA. COMMUNIQUE SAID ACCUSATION SEEKS TO JUTIFY RECENT MPLA REVERSES. ACKNOWLEDGED ZAIRIAN AID, BUT DENIED PRESENCE OF ZAIRIAN DETACHMENT IN ANGOLA. AS FOR ALLEGED PORTUGUESE LIBERATION ARMY (ELP) FIGHTING WITH FNLA, COMMUNIQUE DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A FORCE, SPECULATED IT MIGHT BE PLOY BY PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES AS PRETEXT TO COME TO AID OF MPLA.

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